

CITY OF CARLSBAD

COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT

General Subject: ADMINISTRATION

Specific Subject: Developmental Policy Relating
to Critical Planning Areas

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Cancellation Date *

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Copies to: City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, Department and
Division Heads, Employee Bulletin Boards, Press, FileBACKGROUND:

Recently the City Council has had occasion to deny applications for developmental entitlements because specific questions relating to circulation, flood control and density allocations arising in connection with the applications could not be answered due to inadequate information available to the City. The City has undertaken an extensive General Plan revision to insure adequate information is available in evaluating applications and to insure a comprehensive and effective planning program for the City of Carlsbad. Certain areas of Carlsbad with one or more of the above problems have been identified by the City as "Critical Planning Areas". Critical Planning Areas are defined as those areas of the developed portions of the city having adverse circulation conditions, areas that may be subject to flooding and developments involving an increase in density or an alteration of land use from those specified in the existing General Plan.

The Council has determined that it is necessary to insure that appropriate solutions are available to problems presented by an application for development within a Critical Planning Area prior to making a decision on the application.

PURPOSE:

To insure that adequate plans and programs are available and implemented within the City of Carlsbad in processing developmental activity in order to protect the health, safety and general welfare and insure an effective planning process.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the City Council of the City of Carlsbad that before any decision is made on applications for developments located within a Critical Planning Area that satisfactory plans and programs be presented to insure the maintenance and development of an orderly, effective and comprehensive planning process and to insure that the health, safety and welfare of all the residents of the city is protected.

In order to implement this policy, the City Council finds it necessary to encourage all applicants for projects located in any of the Critical Planning Areas to withhold their applications until the revised General Plan data is available to the City. In evaluating any such application submitted, the Council will be reluctant to give approval pending adoption of the revised General Plan and a resolution of the other problems discussed herein. The City Council also finds it necessary to discontinue the processing of all applications for pre-annexation zone changes for residential development not now scheduled for public hearing before the Planning Commission or City Council. The City contemplates that the General Plan revision will be complete by January 1, 1974. Therefore, this policy will remain in effect until that date unless rescinded by council action prior to that date.*